



Proposed Code Change

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CODE SERVICES SECTION
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Code 45.6.5-09

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Code Title IRC 2009		Edition 2009
Section number and title R314.3.1 Alteration, repairs and additions.		Page 62
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PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
<p>R314.3.1 Alterations, repairs and additions. When alterations, repairs or additions requiring a permit occur, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings, the individual dwelling unit shall be equipped with smoke alarms located as required for new dwellings.</p>		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
<p>The addition or creation of sleeping rooms to an existing dwelling increases the potential human load to a dwelling. The requirement to not only provide the alarms to the newly added space but to require the balance of the dwelling to be retrofitted with alarms throughout may certainly be prudent. However, requiring the entire building to be brought up to code regarding smoke detectors is incredibly onerous simply by the need to pull a permit and remove drywall. A smaller type alteration job of removing a load bearing wall to open up a dining room to living room connection should not require smoke detectors be installed throughout the house any more so than putting on a new roof, yet roofing is exempt. Converting an existing laundry room into an accessible bathroom by extending the laundry into an existing garage under the existing garage roof system should not in any way invoke smoke detection requirements to add and interconnect smoke detectors. In many cases, the extra expenses involved to provide up to code smoke detection to an existing dwelling can make the addition or alterations being considered unaffordable. This would be extremely unfortunate if the potential addition/alteration would have provided increased safety and health provisions for a handicapped individual.</p> <p>The implementation of this revision will eliminate the unnecessary costs for remodeling projects which do not involve the addition of sleeping rooms which will have no increased human load or human risk.</p>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		